



# Eighth District Enforcement Update

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# Eighth District Area of Responsibility





# Exclusive Economic Zone Enforcement



Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Interdictions	78	87	53	50
Red Snapper (lbs)	14,640	12,524	5,895	11,820

- Comments:
  - Personnel shortages have limited patrol hours and does not mean that there are fewer lanchas within our EEZ
  - Assessing illegal Red Snapper catch is difficult
  - Cutters routinely recover miles of illegal longline each patrol
- 2024 Look Ahead
  - Increasing Cooperation with Mexico
  - Targeted Enforcement Operations





# Domestic Fisheries Enforcement



Fiscal Year	2023	2024
Boardings	609	599
Significant Violations	26	11

- Most Common Violations:
  - Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs)
  - By-Catch Reduction Devices (BRDs)
- 2024
  - Significant increase in 75/25 violations, specifically in the Houston/Galveston AOR
  - Continue to build partnerships with NOAA and State Law Enforcement agencies





# Marine Protected Resources



Fiscal Year	2023	2024
Requests for Assistance	2	4
Interactions	2	4

- Most Common Interactions:
  - Entangled turtles
  - Whale sightings
- 2024 Look Ahead
  - Conduct outreach to local communities
  - Continue to respond to and coordinate additional resources for MPR sightings/responses





# Questions?

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